

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 01088 071715Z

43

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 FAA-00 RSC-01 DRC-01 /030 W

----- 093437

R 071532Z FEB 74

FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1228

UNCLAS BOGOTA 1088

E O 11652 NA

TAGS ETRN, CO

SUBJ: HIJACKING OF AEROPESCA PLANE TO HAVANA

REF STATE 18969

FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF REFTEL:

1. THERE IS A STANDARD PREDEPARTURE PASSENGER SECURITY SCREENING CARRIED OUT AT THE GATE IN THE TERMINAL BY THE POLICIA DE TURISMO, PART OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. THIS PASSENGER SECURITY SCREENING TOOK PLACE IN PASTO. ACCORDING TO CIVIL AVIATION SPOKESMEN, THE HIJACKER CAME UP TO THE GATE AT THE LAST MOMENT, NEARLY MISSING THE PLANE. IN AN EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL, THE POLICE POINTED OUT THE GATE AND WAY TO THE PLANE WITHOUT INSPECTING THE ROLL OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANS WHICH CONCEALED THE CARBINE. THE DAAC SPOKESMAN TERMED IT "NEGLIGENCE" ON THE PART OF THE POLICEMAN WHO WAS THERE TO PERFORM THE INSPECTION.

2. THE EXACT DEPARTURE TIME FROM PASTO WAS 1015 LOCAL. THE PLANE WAS HIJACKED AT 1022.

3. FLT NBR AP-212 REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAILY EXCEPT MONDAY. PLANE NBR HK-1319 VICKERS VISCOUNT FOUR ENGINE PROP JET. AP212 ROUTE AND SCHEDULE IS: LV PASTO 0935 AR POPAYAN 1005 LVIPOPAYAN 1025 AR BOGOTA 1140. THE PLANE ITSELF MAKES A CIRCUIT LEAVING BOGOTA AT 0700 FLYING TO POPAYAN AND PASTO AND THEN RETURNING; FLT OUTBOUND FROM BOGOTA IS AP213.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 01088 071715Z

4. TRUE NAME OF HIJACKER IS JORGE RAYMUNDO TAPIA CARRION

OR JORGE TAPIA. ALTERNATE SPELLING FROM UNOFFICIAL SOURCES:
TAPIAS. DPOB 7 OCT 48 AT PASTO COLOMBIA. JORGE TAPIA IS A COLOMBIAN
CITIZEN CEDULA NO 12.955.391 ISSUED IN PASTO. PARENTS: JORGE
AND AIDEE TAPIA, ECUADORIAN CITIZENS CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN ECUADOR.
HIJACKER MARRIED TO LUZ MARINA NARVAEZ WHO RESIDES IN BOGOTA IS
A STUDENT AT THE NATIONAL UNIV AND EMPLOYEE OF THE COLOMBIAN
AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE. HIJACKER DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN
POLITICALLY ACTIVE OR IDENTIFIABLY OF ANY POLIT PERSUASION.
SHORTLY BEFORE THE INCIDENT HE HAD RETURNED FROM ECUADOR WHERE
HE HAD WORKED. DURING THE HIJACKING HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID
(A) HE WAS HIJACKING THE PLANE AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE GOC FOR
THE WAY IT WAS HANDLING THE PROBLEMS OF POOR PEOPLE AND (B)
HE WAS GOING TO CUBA TO FINISH HIS EDUCATION AND THEN PLANNED
TO COME BACK TO COLOMBIA. SINN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, CRIMES, ANTIHIJACKING PROCEDURES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 FEB 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BOGOTA01088
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BOGOTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740250/aaaabure.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 18969
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: WorrelSW
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 MAR 2002 by elbezejf>; APPROVED <26 NOV 2002 by WorrelSW>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HIJACKING OF AEROPESCA PLANE TO HAVANA
TAGS: ETRN, CO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005